



Blue Banner

ST. MICHAEL'S COLLEGE SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, 1515 BATHURST STREET, TORONTO, ONTARIO M5P 3H4

November 1989



Turkey Roll

Friday December 1st

8:00 P.M.

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St. Michael's Alumni Scholarship - Bursary Program

In the past all alumni members were asked to pay a yearly membership fee. This fee helped us to keep the Alumni Association in touch with you by defraying the costs of publishing the 'Blue Banner' and keeping our records up to date. Since we are now directly funded by the Basilian Fathers we have instituted the Alumni Scholarship and Bursary programs. Any donation that you make will go directly to these plans that will in turn assist needy students who are deserving of our support. Please help us out by sending a cheque today. Your gift will be acknowledged and you will receive a charitable donation receipt for the full amount.

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We would like to thank the following who have mailed in donations since our last edition:

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Enclosed please find my cheque for \$_____. Please mail my charitable donation receipt to:

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From The Principal's Desk

Dear Alumni;

I am happy to report that the 1988-89 school year was an extremely successful one. Our students distinguished themselves in every department and continued to dominate in the academic and athletic arenas. It would be impossible to list every success, but let me offer a brief summary:

ACADEMICS:

- 94% of our graduating class went on to university
- 65 of our students were Ontario Scholars
- SMC debators won the Ontario Championship in all three divisions of the Pro-Con Forum.
- Our science students continued to be successful in the Metro Toronto Science Fair and have been selected to represent Toronto eight of the past nine years at the Canada wide fair.
- Our Public Speaking team won four major contests.
- In the Canada Wide Math Contest involving 1700 schools - we placed 18th out of 1700 in grade 9, 16th out of 1700 in grade 10. And over all we were in the top 1%.

ATHLETICS:

Our teams won a total of 13 TDCAA Championships In 1988-89. That is more championships than most schools have teams. The Cross Country teams and the track teams went on to win the all Ontario OFSAA titles. The Buzzers won the Junior 'B' Championship for all Ontario.

Add to these successes three very fine drama productions, two in English and one in Italian, a host of school clubs and activities, and a very active religious and social program. We see then that the Tradition Lives On.

In the last edition of the Blue Banner, Fr. McCabe wrote an article entitled **IS ST. MICHAEL'S MOVING?** The article was intended to put the record straight, but the rumors still abound. Let me try again.

The Basilian Fathers sold the property that was under lease to Loblaw's. Developers will build on that land as early as next year if they can get by the city planning board. This sale will require the demolition of St. Clair house, upon which site temporary relocatable buildings will be established.

These same builders would be very interested in buying the remaining property if we were willing to relocate. The decision to move has not been made and will only be made if it is in the best interest of St. Michael's.

The Board of Directors for St. Michael's College has directed that a committee be set up that would gather the information necessary to determine whether it would be in the best interest of SMC to move or to stay on the site. It is a very complex question with no simple answers.

The committee has begun its work and will consult all of the important constituencies that SMC has been serving. That is: the students, the parents, the alumni, the archdiocese and of course the faculty. We will gather accurate information and professional estimates as to the costs of providing a first rate facility on this site. We will also consider the pros and cons of moving to a new location if one can be found. We are very optimistic about our future but are full aware of the careful planning and prudent decision making necessary for our survival and success.

We will want and need the support of the alumni. We invite you to come to our various events and to lend your financial and moral support to our efforts. You will be contacted (if we have your address) for your input into the decisions that have to be made regarding SMC's future. Before we make any decision we will want to know all of our options. That is the stage of the process we are in now; discovering and articulating our options. When we have all the facts and all the options we hope the decisions will be obvious and full of hope.

*Father Leo Campbell C.S.B.
Principal*



SMC AT THE CROSSROADS

The following article was written by a current student at St. Michael's. We have reprinted it without editing so that you may read what they have to say!

by Jaggi Singh

The past few years have been a time of great flux at St. Michael's College School. Such developments as last year's purchase of a portion of Basilian-owned land south of St. Mike's, rumours of the moving of the school, and the recent temporary suspension of operations of the Junior "B" Buzzers hockey team all attest to the fact that St. Michael's is at an important stage in its one-hundred and thirty-seven year history.

The primary reason SMC has reached this stage is financial. It currently costs approximately 4.5 million dollars annually to operate the school. This figure does not take into account repairs and possible expansion costs the school might wish to undertake. As an independent institution since 1955, the school is dependent on tuition, donations, and alumni support, as well as the Basilian Fathers' contribution. Because the Basilians are determined to keep tuition at a reasonable level, donations and alumni support are only a limited source of capital, and a major cut in operating costs would only deteriorate the quality of the school, each year the school incurs a debt. Last year's debt was approximately 1.6 million dollars which was paid for by the Basilian Fathers.

It is this type of financial concern which led to the sale of 6 acres of Basilian-owned land to the south of St. Mike's. That decision was ultimately made by the Basilian Fathers. This parcel of land, sold to a consortium of developers called Bedford Green Estates Limited, encompasses the gas station, car wash, and Loblaws and its parking lot. The selling price was approximately 20 million dollars. It should also be noted that the parcel of land in question was on an approximately 50 year lease to Loblaws, thus St. Michael's could not undertake its own development plans on the land until that time period elapsed.

While the 20 million dollars is a first step towards solvency, SMC's financial worries are not over. First, if SMC were to use their recently acquired capital, because of the discrepancy between inflation and interest, that money would soon run out. As well, the question of possible repairs and expansion

must be addressed financially. Therefore, the selling of the 6 acre parcel of land is a partial solution to a larger problem.

As a possible solution to this larger problem, SMC decided to enter into a two-part agreement with the developers to negotiate the possible selling of the 10 acre parcel of land on which the school is located. Of course, this consideration is only one of a few options available to the school for the solving of its problems.

The need for the second part of the agreement raises the obvious question: is there a necessity for repairs and expansion? With regard to repairs, while the school itself is structurally sound (another floor could be added to the top of the school), many internal problems exist. A study is to be done in the near future to determine the exact nature and cost of these repairs; but at the present time, plumbing and heating repairs seem inevitable. As well, the possibility of installing a sprinkler system, upgrading the fire alarm system, reconstructing the stair wells, and the installation of metal doors are other considerations that must be made.

In addition to repairs, refurbishment and expansion add to the school's financial burden. Lockers, computers, showers, the gymnasium, desks, and labs are all parts of the school that have been, or need to be, refurbished. As well, partly in order to offer a true intramural sports program to all grades, the school would like to have an expanded gymnasium. Other possible expansion costs are an auditorium, a larger cafeteria, and more classrooms. Decidedly, these expansion and refurbishment costs are of necessity rather than extravagance.

Primarily due to its financial situation, therefore, St. Michael's entered into a discussion with the consortium of developers regarding the 10 acre parcel of land on the site of the school. The second part of the process has not been completed and the time frame for a possible agreement is seven years. The major consideration to be made when deciding if the school's land is to be sold is whether SMC can meet its needs on its current site and remain solvent. If these needs cannot be met, it is possible SMC could be relocated. The school will only be relocated if an acceptable site can be found and appropriate new facilities can be built. An acceptable site must be readily accessible and close to major transportation lines. Ultimately, the decision to move or not lies with the Basilian Council of St. Mike's of which Father Campbell, Father Foy, and Father Sheehan are members.

Development plans have been completed for the 6 acre parcel of land that has been sold. That land, which will be called Heath Park South, will eventually consist of four mixed commercial and residential buildings ranging in height from four to twenty-eight storeys. As well, there will be retail shops along St. Clair at the street level. St. Clair House will have to be torn down as it occupies part of the land that has been sold. If a suitable site is found for St. Mike's, and the Basilian Council decides it is in SMC's best interests to relocate, development plans will begin on Heath Park North. While details have not yet been finalized regarding this 10 acre parcel of land, it will be primarily residential. As well, there is no relationship between development plans at St. Mike's and similar development plans at the University of St. Michael's College which is also run by the Basilians.

While secondary to the possible moving of the school, the recent temporary suspension of operations of the Junior "B" Buzzers hockey team is an example of the school coming to terms with economic realities. The Buzzers have been consistently losing money for several years. Last year's shortfall was \$85,000. This fact, combined with the circumstance that only 5 of the Buzzers would actually be attending St. Mike's next year, and in a championship season student support of the Buzzers was minimal, led to withdrawal from the metro Junior "B" league for one year. This decision was ultimately made by Father Campbell after consulting with relevant parties. Of course, the suspension of operations for the Buzzers is not without precedent: St. Michael's has slowly been eliminating its hockey teams which do not directly relate to the school for some time now. The Buzzers, of course, mark the last of those teams. At this point, the prognosis for next year is undeterminable.

St. Michael's will have many more important decisions to make. One point is very clear though: the next few years are perhaps the most important in SMC's history. By looking upon these years critically yet hopefully, St. Michael's can ensure a vibrant and prosperous future.◊

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Where Are They Now!

Carl F. Markerth ('54) - is the Senior Vice-President with DIACHEM Ind. Ltd. in Vancouver B.C., DIACHEM sponsors an inter-university hockey tournament and they have named the championship trophy the Diachem Father Bauer Trophy.

Joncarlo Lista ('81) - owns the New Paramount Studios Ltd. at 837 St. Clair Ave. West. It is one of the oldest photographic studios in Canada.

Andy Sikorski ('74) - Married and lives in Brampton Ontario, he manages the M.I.S. Department for the Group of Seven Companies in the Weston Family.

Ray Matsalla ('63) - June '88 started his own consulting service providing Quality Control, Registration and Regulatory Services to the Pharmaceutical Industry.

Joe Arnone ('80) - partner in the accounting and computer consulting firm of Benigni, Arnone and Associates in Concord, Ontario.

Rado A. Krevs ('74) - married with two boys and currently teaches Senior Level Chemistry at Brebeuf College School.

Angelo Migliore ('85) - works for Metro Toronto Ambulance Service as an Emergency Medical Attendant.

John Bullen ('72) - recently received his Ph.D. in History from the University of Ottawa.

Rev. R.W. Moore ('25) - writes that although he is an octogenarian (over 80), he still finds life most exciting, as a matter of fact he tells us that he recently passed his driver's test again. He also tells us that there were 4 other men who entered grade 9 in 1922 with him who also entered the priesthood, they were Fr. Paul Hendriks, Fr. Bernard A. Holland, Fr. Norman Killingsworth C.S.S.R., and Fr. Hugh Mallon C.S.B. He graduated from the High School in 1925 and the University in 1928.

Peter 'Ace' McCann ('72) - recently joined the teaching staff at St. Michael's College School in the Religion and Guidance Departments.

Paul Sarossy ('82) - has just completed cinematography of "WHITE ROOM", his fourth 35mm feature film in twelve months. The Patricia ("I've heard The Mermaids Singing") Rozema production follows such projects as: John Conti's "Terminal City Ricochet" in Vancouver, Atom Egoyan's "Speaking Parts" (premiered at the 'Director's Fortnight' Cannes '89), and Craig Pryce's "Revenge of the Radioactive Reporter".

Andrew 'The Colonel' Rasiulis ('74) - was recently assigned as the military advisor to the Canadian Delegation at the conventional 'Arms Control' talks in Vienna, Austria. This is a three year posting and he will be residing in Vienna.

Paul Grossi ('69) - is married with three (3) children and lives in Mississauga. He is a chartered accountant and is a partner in his own firm Sands, Grossi.



WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

Tell us about what you've been up to and we'll publish it in our next Blue Banner.

The Blue Raiders

The Tradition Continues

Well, it's a new season and the Senior Blue Raiders are tuning up to defend their TDCAA basketball title. The major change for this year's Blue Raiders will be felt at the helm. Coach Prendergast has retired. His 25+ years of coaching at SMC is reflected in the many players that have taken his ideals and contributed in many ways after leaving the 'yellow bricks'. The lessons Dan has taught us all will be remembered for a long time to come. More so for myself, as I embark on the challenge of coaching the Blue Raiders (I follow coach 'P', nobody will ever replace him).

The Blue Raiders of 1989-90 will look to take advantage of our quickness and better than average defense to compensate for our lack of dominant big men. Full court pressure will be the name of the game. Offensively, we look to play 'smart' in combining structured offenses with a fast break attitude.

To date, we sit at 1-0 after a convincing 57-38 exhibition victory over Cardinal McGuigan Friars; after only three practices. Tournament dates are:

November 25-25	Michael Power – Basilian Tourney
December 8-9	Queens University – Kingston Ontario
January 12-13	SMC Tourney at SMC
February 2-3-4	All-Ontario Catholic Tourney (St. Catherines/Welland)

We anticipate a successful season and look forward to your support. The tradition continues.

Greg Paolini

Is St. Michael's Moving

We have received a number of letters from Alumni regarding the proposed sale and relocation of St. Michael's College School. They are unanimously in favour of the school staying put. Some of the comments were, "It's location gives the city and suburban boys equal travelling distances." Don't sell but "incorporate in a new development on the same site that would raise much needed capital." St. Michael's appeal, "would be drastically changed in a suburban or outlying area." St. Mike's "has the advantage of many architects and engineers among its alumni who could be in the position to suggest alternatives from the city to an oversized motel in the boondocks." The school structure "is built to last 200 years; it would be impossible to duplicate its durability because the quality today would never match up with that of its predecessors." We were always taught, "that money is not everything," and if the school presently cannot support itself other options "including a fundraising campaign involving students and alumni could be organized." All of these suggestions have been forwarded to the Basilian Fathers and they are currently exploring all available options.

Turkey Roll

It's that time of year again! The leaves have fallen, there's a nip in the air and we're getting ready for another Turkey Roll. With all that is happening around St. Mike's this is the year that you should make every effort to come back and see the old place. We're only going to charge you a \$5.00 admission fee since we are still soliciting donations to our Alumni Scholarship and Bursary Programs. We guarantee you'll have a good time and you might even win a turkey.

The Basilians and Staff are going to be there in full force so come see some of your favourite teachers and your old friends.

Father Mulcahy has informed us that he has a few 'Bullion Crests' available, these are just like the ones we used to have on our jackets. However, they are alot nicer and are suitable for your sports jackets. You can get one by contacting him at the school or seeing him at the 'Turkey Roll', they're only \$20.00 each.

HAVE YOU MOVED LATELY? HELP US UPDATE OUR MAILING LIST

- Are you receiving your Alumni mailing at your proper address?
- Is a copy still being mailed to your old address or your parents home?
- Are you receiving more than one copy of each mailing at your present address or at several addresses?

The only way in which we can keep our mailing list up-to-date is if you keep us informed of any changes in your address. To assist us with the updating of our files, please complete the following form and return it to us as soon as possible. If you have any friends or relatives who are not receiving Alumni mail, please forward their names and address as well.

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